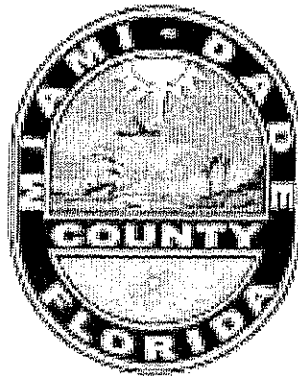


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LEGISLATIVE ANALYSIS

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BUDGET & FINANCE ITEM 3(I)

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LEGISLATIVE ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

RESOLUTION WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN GOODS AND SERVICES APPROVING CERTAIN MINORITY SET ASIDES AND SUBVENDOR GOALS AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO AWARD SAME AND EXECUTE OPTIONS TO RENEW

Department of Procurement Management

I. SUMMARY

Item 2.3 of proposes waiving competitive bids for a \$2.5 million award to Wackenhut Corp. to provide security services for two years at the Miami-Dade County Juvenile Assessment Center (JAC).

II. PRESENT SITUATION

This would amount to a no bid, two-year extension to Wackenhut's five year history of providing security services for the JAC.

III. POLICY CHANGE AND IMPLICATION

The Item states that the "*Department of Procurement Management [DPM] conducted extensive market research, and confirmed that while there are several security firms in the market, Wackenhut is the only private company currently providing juvenile detention services in the state of Florida*" [emphasis added] (2nd paragraph, handwritten p. 14). [See Section V below for information relative to potential competition.]

IV. ECONOMIC IMPACT

\$2.5 million (JAC)

Item includes a 40% BBE subvendor goal

V. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

- This procurement's title, "*Security Guard Services*," may have unnecessarily limited consideration of potential responsive, responsible bidders for this contract.
 - Youth Services International (YSI), a subsidiary of the private correctional firm Correctional Services Corp., reportedly operates three juvenile facilities in Florida (Hillsborough Academy in Brandon, Okaloosa Residential Facilities in Crestview and JoAnn Bridges Academy in Greenville) and others nationwide.¹ [See Attachment #1 for information on YSI.] Though YSI is not a security guard service, perhaps they or another firm provides similar juvenile services.
- If the County continues to waive bid requirements for this service, the likelihood of another potential bidder ever becoming established locally is very small or non-existent because there will be no substantive local competitive market within which another firm could compete for business.

¹ Youth Services Corp. web page: www.youthservices.com